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REF ID: A65425 - HANDLE VIA TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM

TO: Commander Naval Operations
Commanding Officer, Fleet Photo Center, Comptor Atlantic and
Mediterranean

SUBJ: Sanitization of Middle East Photography

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 003821.1 of April 11 1957
(b) CNO ltr ser NT-000173-5 of May 1957

1. Reference (b) is hereby cancelled.
2. The Utilization Advisory Board has liberalized procedures with respect to sanitizing TALENT photography of certain areas, such as the Middle East, not falling within the USSR or its satellites. The essential security objectives of sanitization procedures are to prevent identification of the source of the photography or its capabilities, particularly with respect to altitude, and to prevent reconstruction of the source's track from use of sanitized prints.
3. The following will pertain:
 - a. Concerning the material to be sanitized, there are no restrictions as to type of installation or area in contrast with the former restriction to airfields and certain amphibious landing areas.
 - b. Classification of material prepared from the TALENT System by proper sanitization will be SECRET//NOFORN with the exception noted in paragraph 4c. The former requirement for "Continued Control" is eliminated. Reproduced material will not mention TALENT or C7/HCA or make any other reference to source.
 - c. Obliques, verticals, and uncontrolled movies made from selected and properly cropped prints may be sanitized. Positive transparencies may be sanitized similarly.
 - d. Scale must be changed by enlargement, the new scale being specified on the reproduced material. Vertical photographs will be enlarged to a scale within the range from 1:10,000 to 1:20,000 in the case of 42 materials, 1:10,000 to 1:18,000 in the case of 8 materials. The declared intent of such scale alteration is to prevent disclosure or determination of altitude, focal length, or original scale.

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- e. Date of photography may be indicated only by month and year.
 - f. Fiducial markings must be omitted. Focal length is not to be disclosed.
 - g. Format of individual prints or negatives shall be 4" x 9" with annotations as customary.
4. At the request of the Agency or Commandant, the following are approved:

"Emergency packages may be prepared by the military services and disseminated to subordinate commands. A SECRET NOTIFICATION continuous receipt required and transmitted via carrier or via carrier. These materials may be downgraded to CONFIDENTIAL - Modifiable handling authorized when an emergency is declared by authority as noted in the TALENT Control Manual."

While this is believed to be of limited value for Navy purposes, it may have some application in connection with amphibious operations if it is desired that material be used at the earliest level. It was the intent that emergency packages will be used before the appearance advised over the previous period under which an emergency can be declared by a numbered fleet commander. Material then can be removed from the TALENT Control System but maintained at the same classified level. As for SECRET, the provision of SECURITY

value for Navy purposes, it may be of interest if it is used at the earliest level. It was the intent that emergency packages will be used before the appearance advised over the previous period under which an emergency can be declared by a numbered fleet commander. Higher authority will package material through the TALENT Control System but maintained at the same classified level. Aviation pilots are normally cleared to use material in question. All material is of questionable value.

5. One copy of each sanitized photograph is to be forwarded to the TALENT Control Office.

Utilizing TALENT photography must be in accordance with reference (a).

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Commander, USN
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